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1. SALVADOR'S FONMIN ALFREDO BORGONOVINO POINTED OUT THAT, WITH  
ALL ITS FAULTS, THE OAS WAS THE ONLY MULTILATERAL FORUM OF THE  
AMERICAS. THE ROOTS OF THE ECONOMIC PROBLEM, HE STATED, ARE  
THE DISPARITIES BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND UNDERDEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES, AND PRICE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE FINISHED PRODUCTS  
OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND PRICES RECEIVED BY THE UNDER-  
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THEIR RAW MATERIALS. HE STRONGLY  
SUPPORTED RECENT EFFORTS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN BETTER  
PRICES FOR THEIR PRODUCTS. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE OAS  
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COULD PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION BY

STUDYING AND ESTABLISHING THE MECHANISMS NECESSARY TO INTEGRATION. THREE KEY PROBLEMS OF CONCERN TO EL SALVADOR ARE: A) THE PANAMA CANAL, B) THE SITUATION OF THE CA COMMON MARKET, C) THE PROBLEM BETWEEN SALVADOR AND HONDURAS. HE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PANAMA AND INDICATED THE NEED TO RESTRUCTURE THE CA COMMON MARKET AND REJECTED THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF HONDURAS PERTAINING TO THE FAILURE OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

2. PARAGUAYAN FONMIN SAPENA PASTOR STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF RESTRUCTURING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND FACT THAT PROGRESS TOWARD THIS END NOT PROCEEDING AT THE EXPECTED PACE. ADDED THAT ALL NATIONS OF THE CONTINENT MUST BE MEMBERS OF THIS SYSTEM. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND PANAMA. A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO THE 200 MILE CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY BY SOME OF THE COASTAL COUNTRIES. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS ARBITRARY LIMIT BY SOME COASTAL COUNTRIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED MORE THAN 30 LANDLOCKED NATIONS AND CALLED FOR GENERAL AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED BY ALL NATIONS AT THE UPCOMING SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE OF LAW OF THE SEA.

3. OAS SECGEN GALO PLAZA SUGGESTED "PERHAPS WE ARE NEARING THE END OF THE CRISIS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND LATIN AMERICA.." GREATEST TASK OF ATLANTA ASSEMBLY IS TO FIND A WAY TO USE OAS MACHINERY - ADAPTED TO MEET NEW RESPONSIBILITIES - TO CONVERT DECISIONS OF RECENT MEETINGS IN MEXICO AND WASHINGTON AND FUTURE MEETINGS INTO TANGIBLE, POSITIVE ACTION. HIGHLIGHTED TRADE, STEADY MARKETS FOR LA EXPORTS AND FAIR PRICES, SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD PRODUCTION, AND THE CHANNELING OF SURPLUS PROFITS FROM PETROLEUM FROM PRODUCERS TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. REFERRING TO TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES, PLAZA SAID LA COUNTRIES SHOULD CLEARLY DEFINE THEIR POLICIES ON FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, AND SUGGESTED THERE BE MEANS OF CONSULTATION WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING OR RESOLVING DISPUTES, AS DISCUSSED BY IA ECOSOC AT QUITO. NOTED THAT THE FIRST STAGE INITIATED BY PRESIDENTS MEETING IN 1967, OF SPEEDING UP EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PER SE IS GIVING

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DEVELOPMENT, WITH OAS HELPING UNDER MAR DE PLATA PROGRAM ON REGIONAL PROJECTS. ALSO ASKED ASSEMBLY ENTRUST SECRETARIAT TO USE SMALL EXPERT WORKING GROUPS TO DO ANALYTICAL PREPARATORY STUDIES FOR SUBMITTAL TO THESE COUNCILS LATER THIS YEAR, AND SUGGESTED JOINT IA ECOSOC/CIECC GROUP ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. HOPED PROPOSED NEW IA COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY WOULD NOT BE OUTSIDE OAS, SINCE EXISTING BODIES COULD "PERFECTLY WELL BE ADAPTED TO SUCH NEW TASKS.."

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO CIAP BUT SAID NEITHER ITS NAME OR  
COMPOSITION REFLECTS ITS TRUE SIGNIFICANCE OR ATTRACTS FULL  
COOPERATION FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE HEMISPHERE. MAILLIARD

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